

From: Kenneth A. Long
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 7:16 AM
Subject: J'accuse

By blatantly placing the interests of corporate media over the public interest, in direct violation of the FCC's mandate and against the clear and unambiguous wishes of that public itself, you have willfully and capriciously violated your moral and civic duties to the people, who own the airwaves and whom you had (falsely) sworn to protect. You should be removed from your position on grounds of blatant malfeasance. It is obvious that the FCC has been hijacked by special interests and no longer serves a useful purpose. It should be disbanded and reconstituted in a nonpolitical form that allows it to meet its federal mandates and the rest of us to watch its functioning without vomiting.

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From: eric.cho@cox.net
To: Kathleen Abernathy
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Subject: Media Rule Yesterday

Kathleen:

You just did enormous disservice to the public and its right to a fair and diverse information. History will judge you harshly for that and I will know what you stand for should you run for any public office. I am saddened by your action.

Eric Cho
Fairfax, VA

From: preston_e_johnson
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 7:23 AM
Subject: SHAME

Commissioner Abernathy:

The FCC should reconsider it's appalling decision to reduce ownership restrictions. The airwaves are a public asset that the FCC is allowing to be dominated by an oligopoly. Chairman Powell's claims on the PBS Newshour in defense of the action were either spurious and deceitful. The claim that at one point there were only 3 networks seems to ignore that even the smallest cities had two and three newspapers and independent radio stations at that time. His attempt on the show to co-opt the thousands of letters from citizens opposed to this was disgraceful- we do not accept Chairman Powell's claim that he is similarly concerned with the effects of the media concentration- this action is not a compromise, it is theft.

This decision is bad for democracy. Please change it.

Preston Johnson
805 8th Avenue 2F
Brooklyn, NY 11215

From: John M. Budd
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 8:20 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

John M. Budd (buddj@missouri) writes:

Sir: Thank you for your opposition to ever more concentrated ownership of media. It is clear that you take the public interest support directive of your position very seriously. The same cannot be said for the FCC Chairman. I have written to him requesting that he resign. I must say that his policy and statements have been adominations. Thank you.

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From: Sherry.Robertson@centrahealth.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 8:47 AM
Subject: FCC Broadcast Deregulation

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

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I heard you speak on CSPAN last night, and I agreed with everything you said. Thank you for opposing this change in the regulations.

Sincerely,

Sherry Robertson

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Programmer/Analyst MIS
434-947-4938

From: wanderson@broniec.com
To: Michael Cops
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:00 AM
Subject: Re: Rules Changes (Thank you for your message concerning mediacconsolidation.)

Well, you folks have done it. In one day, with one quiet vote, you have taken the one thing away that makes us uniquely American, and uniquely diverse. To even allow the remote possibility that one media conglomerate or holding company could deliver all of the news, information and commentary to an entire region is unbelievable. Our ancestors fought and died for freedom, liberty, and access to truth by always hearing both sides, and allowing that there would be two sides to hear. It hasn't always been this way. With one quiet act of cowardice and treason, you have betrayed the American people. That which so many of us hold so dear, you have given to your political benefactors like some sort of trophy.

Good luck to you, Mr. Cops. Good luck to you and the rest of the FCC Commissioners. You have compromised your integrity, you have made yourselves irrelevant, and you have betrayed the American people for decades to come. Good luck, and rest well at night.

Warren Anderson, Norcross, GA.

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To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:06 AM
Subject: Don't allow big media to get even bigger

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From: John Anderson
To: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:13 AM
Subject: FCC decision on media ownership

The 3 to 2 vote leaves me bewildered. I already listen to very little commercial broadcast radio and watch very little broadcast tv, because of the ownership of local broadcast outlets by very few owners. Starting today, as far as I am concerned, terrestrial broadcasting is irrelevant. The dismantling should now begin of all the unsightly towers across our land, to be replaced by satellite radio and television and high speed internet accessed radio streams. I seldom hear or see any programming that suits me now on terrestrial broadcasting. As for political comment, it is all one side, favoring the emperor's illegal regime. Let the revolution begin! Down with the right wing dictatorship!

John Anderson
PO Box 11
West Point, Iowa 52656-0011

From: Jerry Fields
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:16 AM
Subject: Deregulation

Michael,

You well know a democracy can not survive without a free press, and there can not be a free press in a country where one company, or individual owns 45% of the media.

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How you could not oppose the changes you champion is inexplicable, and morally outrageous.

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I don't know how you can back out of the mess you've gotten yourself into, but the only morally correct thing to do is stand up like a man and say that you've made a mistake, you've reassessed the situation, and you now oppose creating even larger media monopolies.

Further--if your brain is in fact working--you would favor undoing the Reagan administration damage, which, just as you are attempting, rewrote federal laws governing media ownership, thereby diminishing the range of opinions heard throughout the country.

I'm mad as hell and you can be sure that unless your commission has a drastic change of heart I will be working vigorously to unseat all of you, and in the future, prevent you and your compatriots from ever holding public office.

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From: anarchkip@hotmail.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:44 AM
Subject: Please oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear Chairman Powell,

cc: FCC Commissioners
cc: Sen. Wyden

I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to ensure that there are public hearings to discuss how such proposals will affect Oregon and the nation.

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jeff kipilman
3315 NE 41st Ave
Portland, OR 97212

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From: J. Rush
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:57 AM
Subject: what country is this?

Aren't monopoly's illegal? I don't know much about politics and government but I do know when to get scared and the FCC has me scared. I hope your ruling is overturned and none of you make the side money your planning on making from hooking up the few media conglomerates that your all in bed with.

J.
Palm Beach FL

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB

From: Gary Waddingham
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:04 AM
Subject: Recent decision

Dear Ms Abernathy,

Your recent quote:

"Those who oppose our decision will continue to fear a mythical media monopoly that will descend upon our media landscape without any regulatory review of its power," she said. "But the reality is that under today's order there will continue to be hundreds of pathways into the American home in the average American city or town."

believes a myopic and upper middle class prejudice about the fabric of American life. Millions of Americans do not have "hundreds of pathways" to information. They listen to radio stations controlled by one or two conglomerates and can't afford the local paper. It is not the government's job to constantly pander to those with money. In my small city of less than 100,000 people, churches and others must gather nearly 4 millions pounds of food a year just for those in shelters and seeking emergency assistance. This does not include government programs. People who are poor are not necessarily stupid but have limited access to information.

While you have assured yourself a lucrative position in commerce after your FCC stint, you can count yourself one of those people who have genuinely helped unweave the fabric of American life and reweave into an elitist fabric of commercial interest without any reference to traditional values.

The Rev. Gary Waddingham, Rector
St Luke's Episcopal Church
Billings, Montana

From: Michael Thigpen
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:29 AM
Subject: Rules

The public should have the last say here
Thanks Michael Thigpen AB4MT

From: Chris_Singletary@oxy.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:36 AM
Subject: Fcc Media Regulations and my feelings on it

This was an email I just sent to Mr. Powell and to my congressman, and senators. You should also be aware of how I believe a majority of Americans feel on this issue.

Dr. Mr. Powell,

I have become painfully aware of the influence that big corporate America has upon governmental agencies such as yours in recent years, and one such incident that exemplifies this is the recent relaxation of media ownership regulations. Not only were many corporations already violating existing regulations without prosecution, but they then petitioned to relax the regulations which your agency has now granted.

I feel that this is not in my best interest, nor in the countries best interest but only in the interest of media giants. While a few years go low power FM was an issue which I was definitely FOR, for the diversity of local news and information, the media giants managed to stop it. Now, they want more than what is good for America, and your administration is not only complicit with them, but go out of your way to make it happen. I am therefore obligated to inform you that I will personally start a grass roots movement in my area to not only repeal this relaxation of regulations on them, but to have you removed from office. You have demonstrated that you are not for the people, but looking out for who has the purse strings first. Fortunately we still live in a Democracy where votes have the loudest voice. You want to redeem yourself? Open up low power FM again and let the real voice of America speak!

Sincerely,
Chris Singletary

P.S. I am historically a straight Republican party ticket voter, but this is going to backlash on the Republican party as I can see the Democrats are going to get some of my support over this issue.

From: lylac27@hotmail.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 3:45 PM
Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear FCC Commissioners and Chairman Powell,

cc: my members of Congress

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Sincerely,
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24381 fordview st
lake forest, CA 92630

From: sherry.pole@verizon.net
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Sherry Pollock
423 Brook St.
Silverton, OR 97381

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Papa
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Ringwood, NJ 07456